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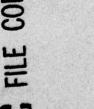
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ABSTRACT

This report contains propellant test results from cartons of TP-H1043 propellant representing selected batches used in the aft closure of First Stage Minuteman Motors. Data from TP-H1043 propellant obtained from the aft closures of the LGM-30A, B, F and G Motors are reported in regression analyses for the fourth time and the third time using the GO85 computer system. Testing was accomplished in accordance with MMWRME Project M82937C and M82938C.

An analysis of all parameters indicate that no significant degradation is anticipated for at least two years past the oldest data point.

Each point on the regression plot represents all samples at that particular age. The number of samples at each point is indicated on the sample size summary sheet on the page accompanying each regression plot. The data range at any age can be found by suitable inquiry of the GO85 system.

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GLOSSARY OF TERMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

Aging Trend A change in properties or performance result-

ing from aging of material or component

CSA Cross Sectional Area

DB Dogbone

Degradation Gradual deterioration of properties or performance

E Modulus (psi), defined as stress divided by strain along the initial linear portion of the

curve

EB End Bonded

EGL. Effective Gage Length

Strain at maximum stress

Strain at rupture er

"F" ratio The ratio of the variance accounted for by the

regression function to the random unexplained variance. The regression function having the most significant "F" ratio is used for plotting data. The ratio is also used in detecting signi-

ficant changes in random variation between

succeeding time points.

JANNAF Joint Army, Navy, NASA, Air Force Committee

MAGCP Propellant Lab Section at OOAMA

OOAMA Ogden Air Materiel Area, Air Force Logistics

Command

The general form of the regression equation Regression

Equation is Y = a + bx

Regression Line representing mean test values with respect

Line to time

Standard error of estimate of the regression

coefficient

S or S Standard deviation of the data about the

regression line

GLOSSARY OF TERMS AND ABBREVIATIONS (cont)

SM Maximum Stress

Sr Stress at rupture

Standard

Deviation(S) Square root of variance

Strain Rate Crosshead speed divided by the EGL

"t" test

A statistical test used to detect significant differences between a measured parameter and an expected value of the parameter (determines if regression slope differs from zero at the 95%

confidence level)

Variance The sum of squares of deviations of the test results from the mean of the series after divi-

sion by one less than the total number of test

results

3 Sigma Band The area between the upper and lower 3 sigma limit. It can be expected that 99.73% of the

inventory represented by the test samples would fall within this range assuming that the popu-

lation is normally distributed.

90-90 Band It can be stated with 90% confidence that 90% of

the inventory represented by the test samples would fall within this range assuming that the

population is normally distributed.

SECTION I

A. PURPOSE:

Quality assurance tests have been conducted for 10 1/2 years on First Stage LGM-30 TP-H1043 aft closure propellant.

Statistical analysis of the tests performed, as directed by Engineering, should provide early warning if serious degradation trends occur.

Evaluation of the propellant provides data that can be put directly into engineering reliability and service life predictions. Testing was performed in accordance with MMWRME Directive GTD-1C, Amendments 1 and 2.

B. BACKGROUND:

TP-H1043 propellant is used in the aft closure of LGM-30A, B, F and G First Stage Motors.

This test period represents the fourth time that TP-H1043 propellant has been reported by regression analysis. This is also the third time that data has been processed utilizing the G085 system.

This report represents a large increase in the number of samples tested. Moreover, the age distribution increased to cover a 10 1/2 year time period (4 to 14 1/2 years).

The slope of the respective regressions for this report (Figures 1 thru 14) and the previous report (1976) are very close. This is the first time that the regression slopes of two successive test periods matched well. This is probably due to the increased number of samples and the stabilizing of post cure chemical changes in the binder.

C. SAMPLING PLAN:

As many as four aft closures are cast from the one TP-H1043 propellant mix. In order to reduce the number of tests, only one batch from each mix will be tested to obtain uniform test results. The selected batches are from the same batch as those previously tested and reported in MAGCP Reports 185(70), 195(70), 239(72), and 288(74).

Low rate tensile, high rate tensile and hardness tests were performed on each propellant batch mix.

D. STATISTICAL APPROACH:

Linear regression analysis was used as the method of data evaluation. Data from different time periods were used to establish a least squares trend line for the data. The variance about the regression line, obtained using individual values of the dependent variable, was used to compute a tolerance interval such that at the 90% confidence level, 90% of the sample distribution fall within this interval. This tolerance interval was extrapolated to a maximum of 24 months. The "t" values and the significance of this statistic, which are reported for each regression model, give an indication of the "statistical significance" of the slope of the trend line as compared to a line of zero slope.

Each point on the regression analysis is a calculation of all samples at that particular age. The number of samples at each point is indicated on the sample size summary sheet accompanying each regression plot. The data range at any age can be found by suitable inquiry of the GO85 system.

SECTION II

TEST RESULTS

A. LOW RATE TENSILE:

All of the low rate test parameters show a statistically significant decrease (Figures 1 thru 5). The strain regressions (Figures 1 and 3) show a very gradual decrease. Regression slopes for stresses and modulus (Figures 2, 4 and 5) show a change with respect to time. This change is less than in the previous report. Although all of the regression trends show a decrease, the propellant still shows good stability and from this analysis the propellant will perform satisfactorily for at least two years beyond the last data point.

B. HIGH RATE TENSILE:

The strain and stress regressions show a statistically significant decrease with the modulus showing a statistically significant increase (Figures 6 thru 10). For all of the regressions, the slopes are gradual.

C. HARDNESS:

Shore A and C initial hardness test data regressions show a statistically significant gradual decrease and the 10 second test data regression shows no significant change.

SECTION III

CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The slopes of the regressions are gradual and closer to a line of zero slope than in the previous report. From this analysis, no significant degradation seems likely and the propellant service life may be extended for at least two years from the date of last testing.

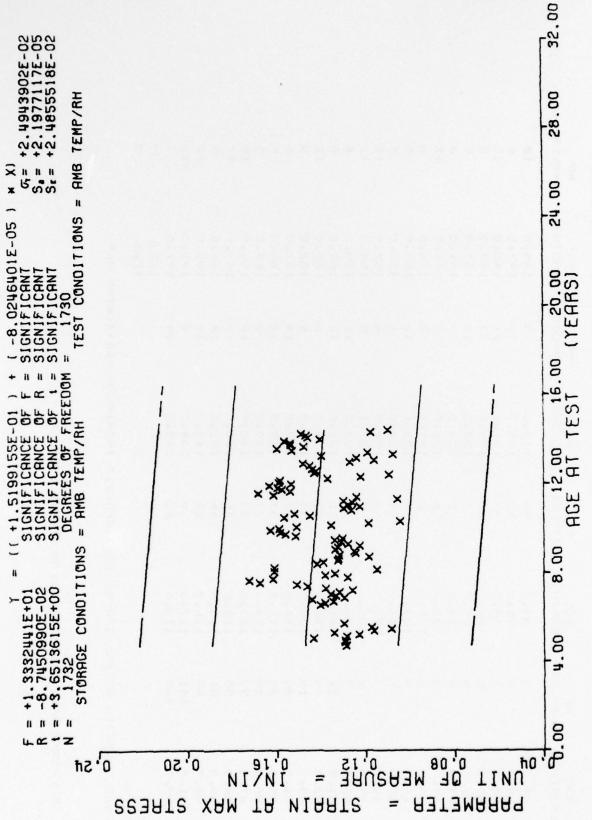
It is recommended that testing be continued to assure service life extension and confirm the present trend.

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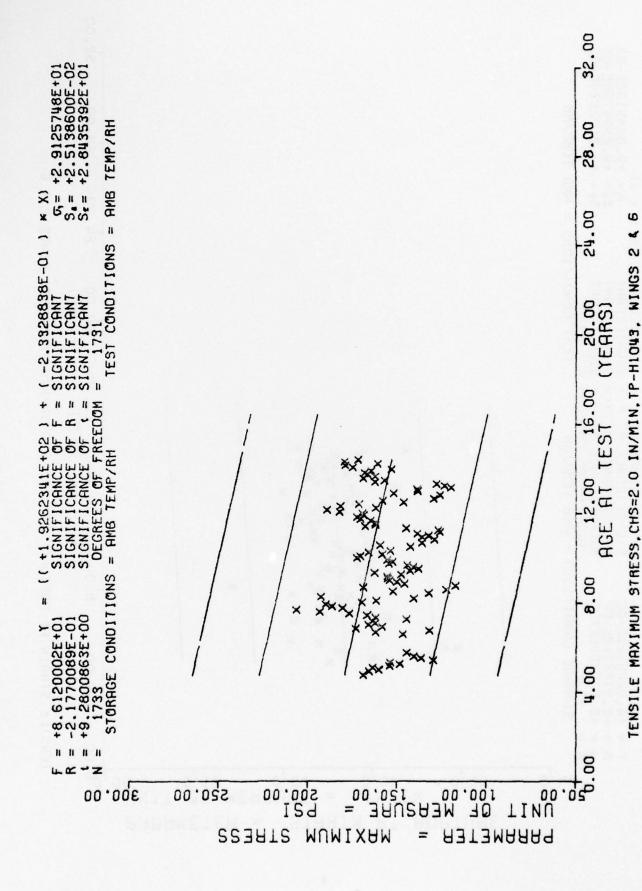
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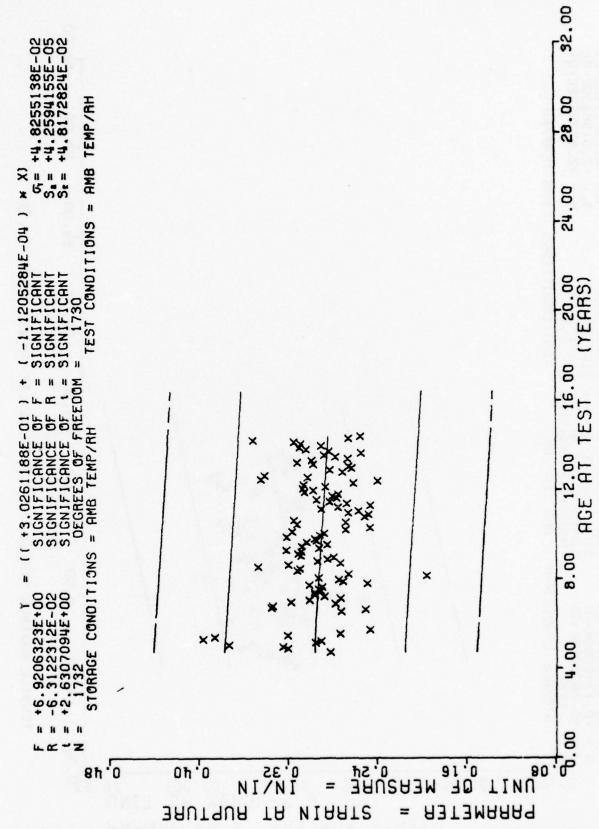
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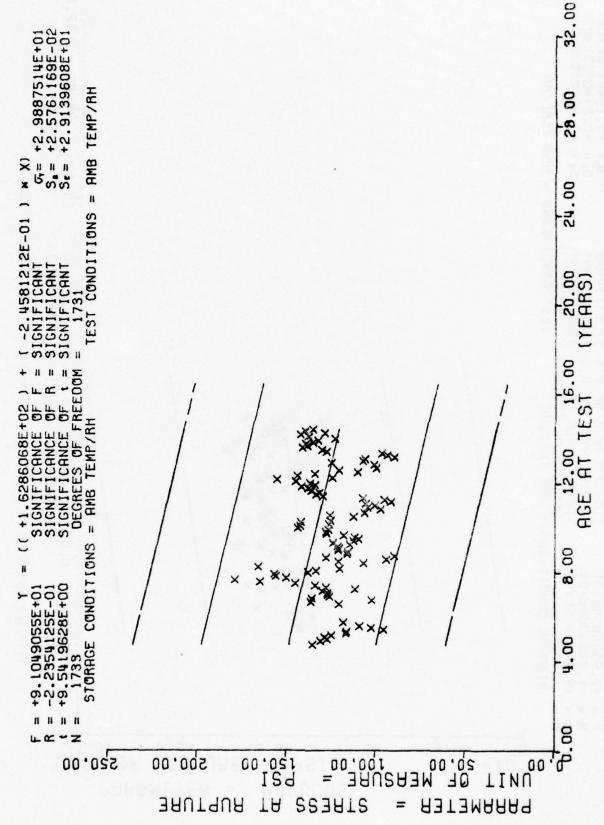
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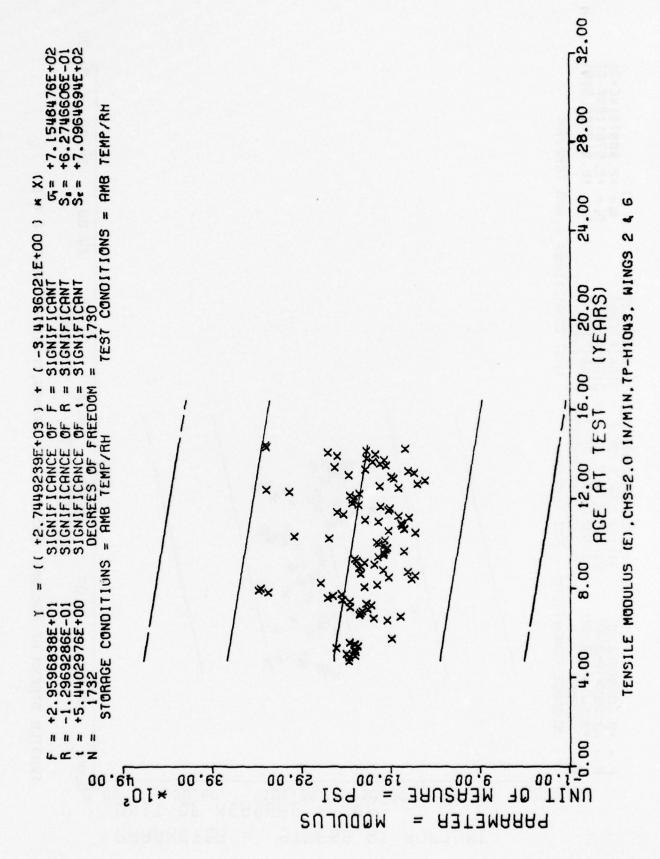


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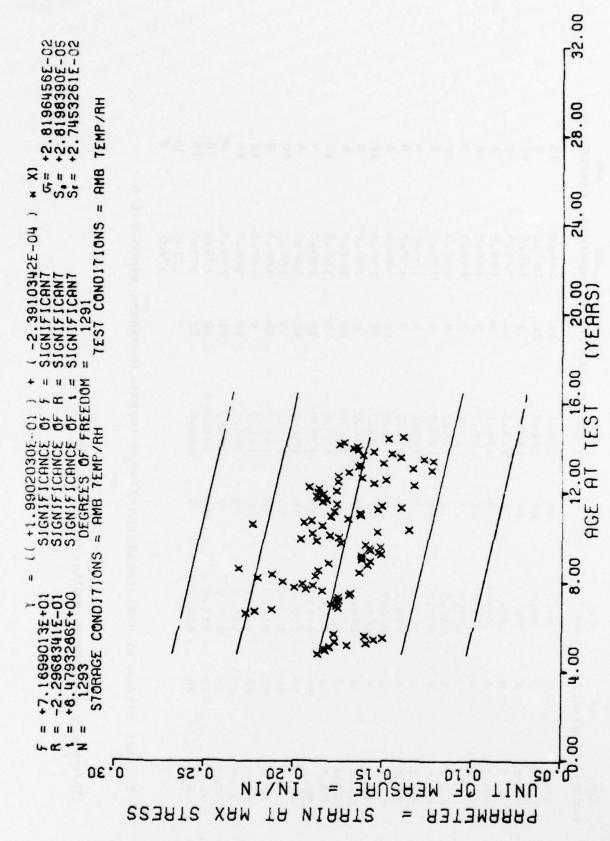


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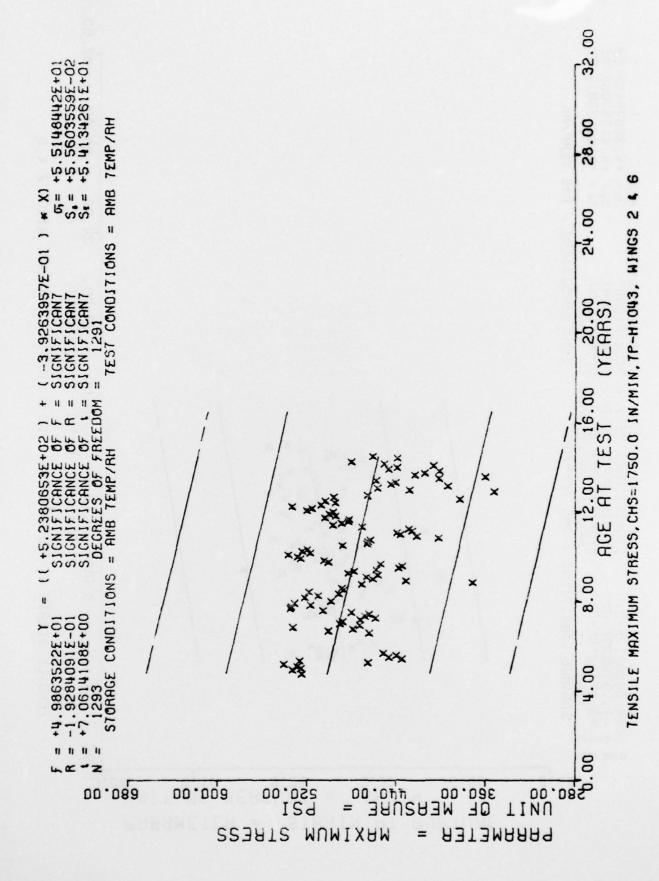
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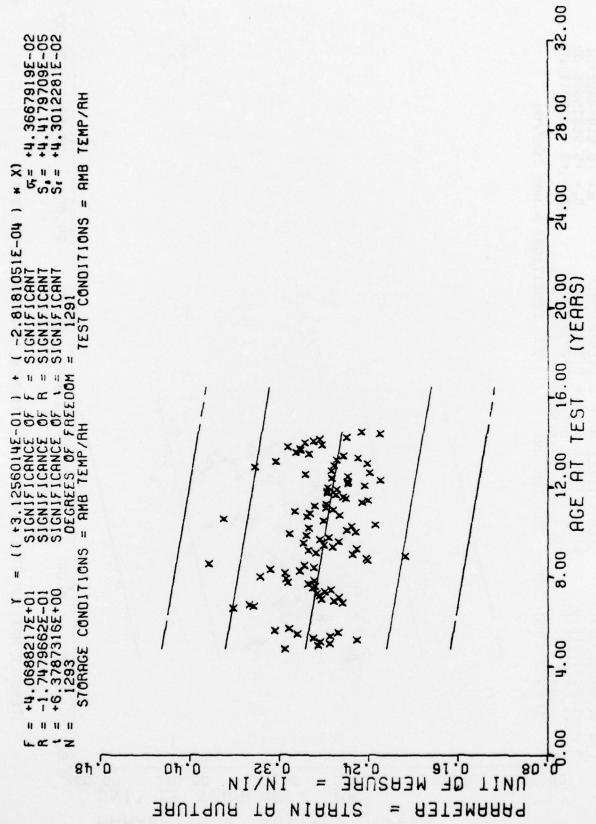
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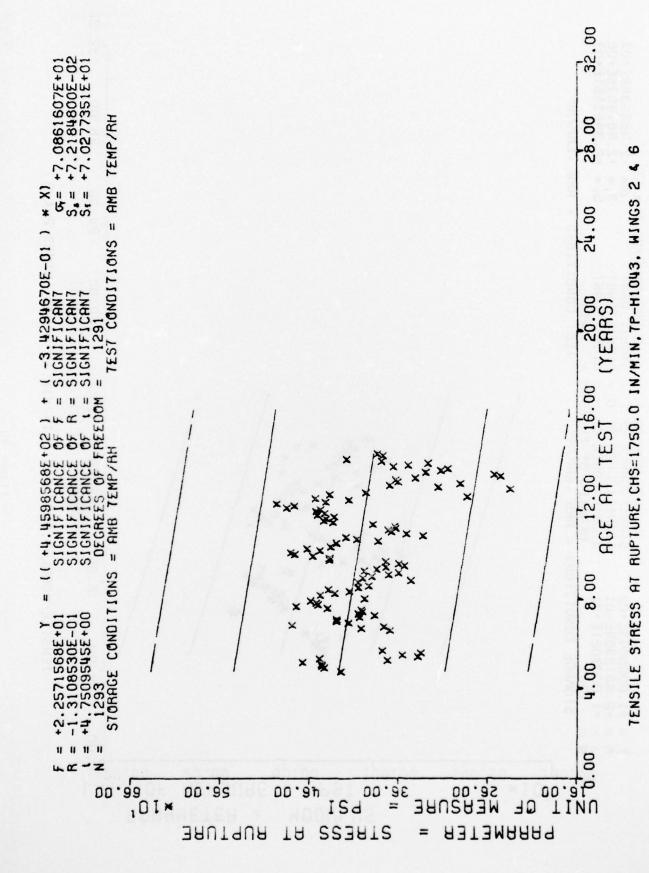
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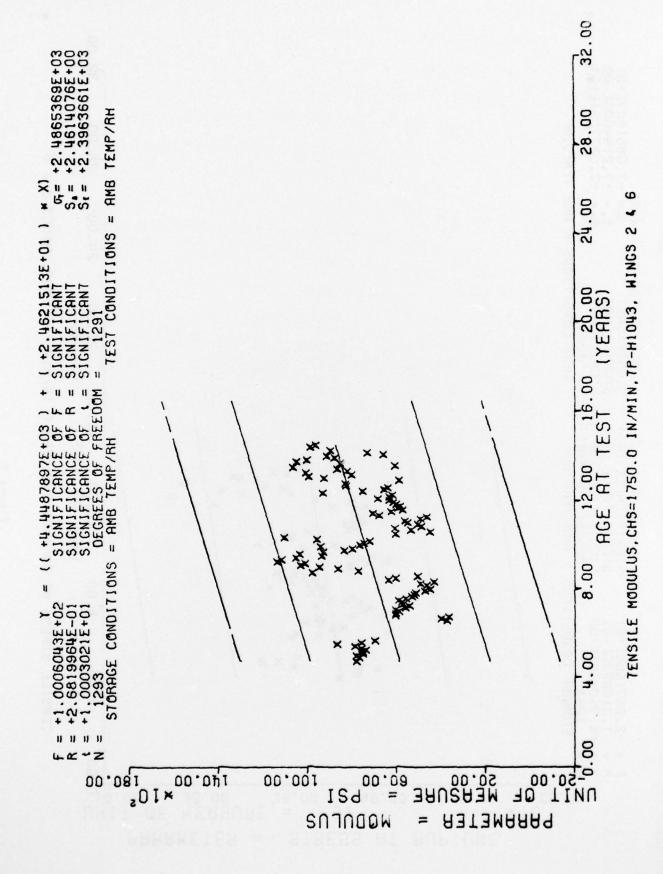
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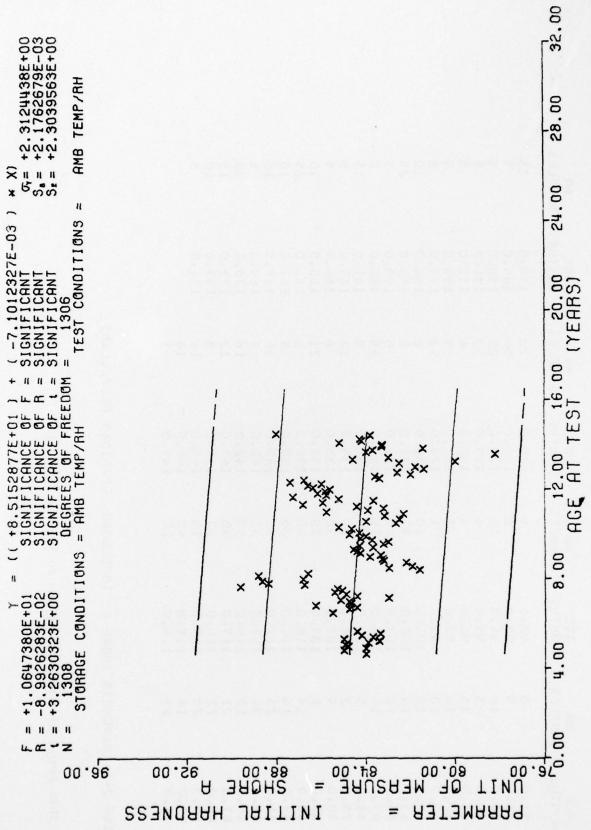


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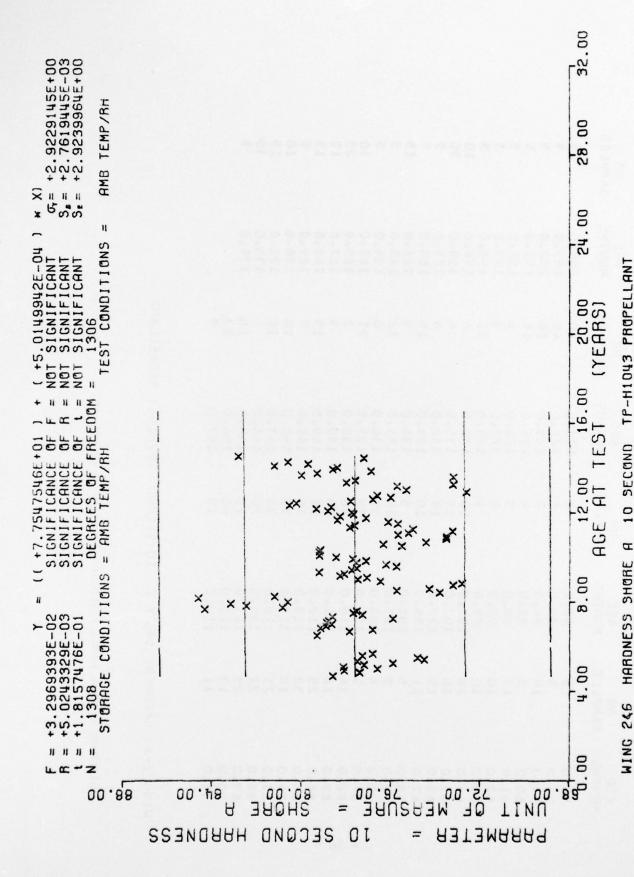
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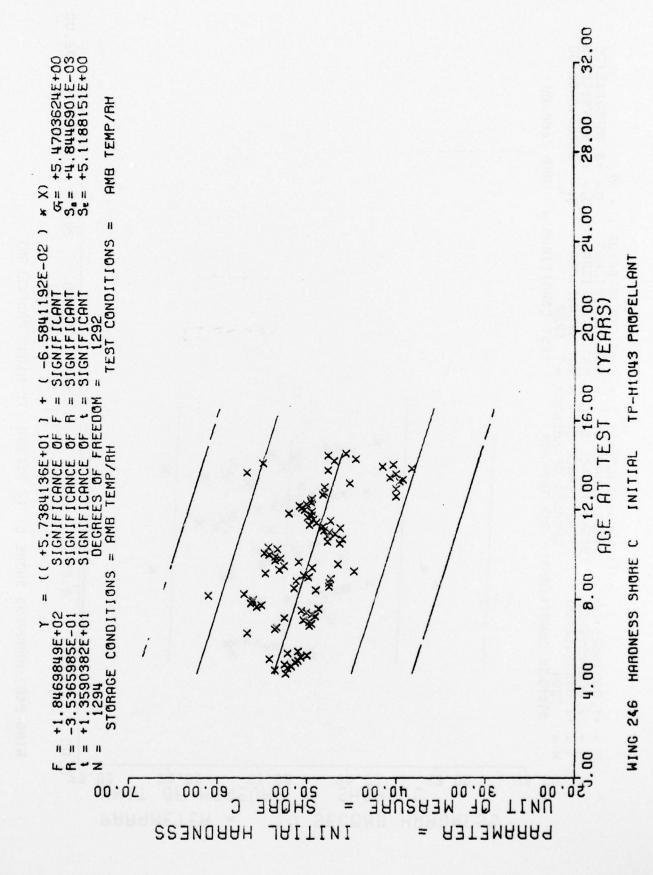


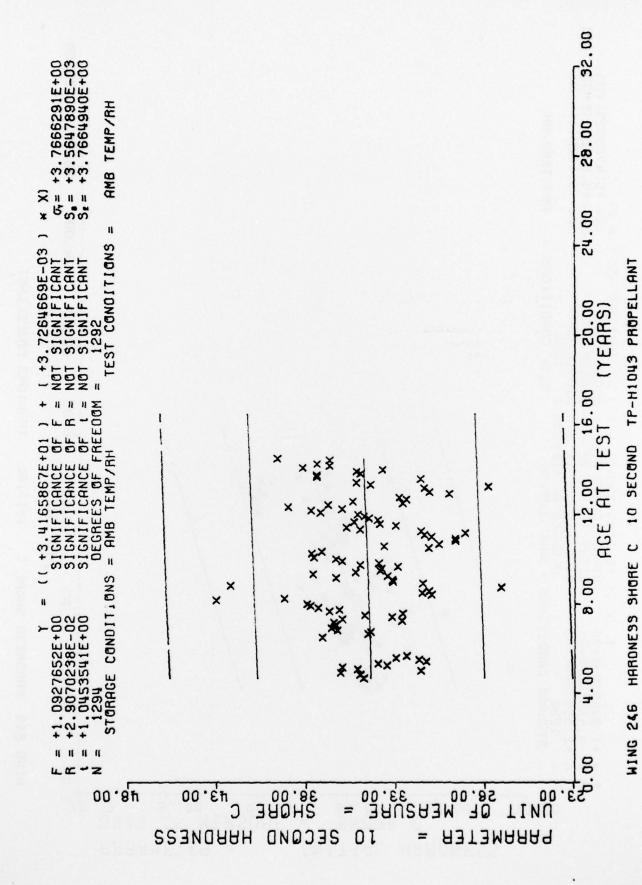
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AGE	148.0	149.0	150.0	151.0	152.0	153.0	155.0	156.0	158.0	159.0	160.0	161.0	163.0	164.0	165.0	166.0	167.0	168.0	169.0	170.0	171.0	173.0	174.0			
NR SAMPLES	20	40	50	15	9	9	12	9	9	0	15	6	12	•	21	6	•	15	6	18	12	&	16	18	6	
AGE	120.0	121.0	123.0	124.0	126.0	127.0	128.0	130.0	131.0	132.0	133.0	134.0	135.0	136.0	137.0	138.0	139.0	140.0	141.0	142.0	143.0	144.0	145.0	146.0	147.0	
NR SAMPLES	7	4	1	4	6	1	-	10	11	15	10	2	20	30	35	40	25	35	35	35	30	20	15	640	10	
AGE	92.0	93.0	0.46	95.0	0.96	98.0	99.0	101.0	102.0	103.0	105.0	106.0	107.0	108.0	109.0	110.0	111.0	112.0	113.0	114.0	115.0	116.0	117.0	118.0	119.0	
NR	6	S	10	s	15	01	01	10	01	01	11	~	2	*	-	14	16	25	32	19	21	22	25	13	==	
A GE MONTHS	56.0	58.0	59.0	0.09	61.0	62.0	63.0	64.0	65.0	0.99	67.0	68.0	78.0	80.0	81.0	82.0	83.0	84.0	85.0	86.0	67.0	88.0	89.0	0.06	91.0	

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An analysis of all parameters indicate that no significant degradation is

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